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SUBJECT:PROCUREMENT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN US TO
SERVICE KOREAN FISHING FLEET

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1. QUOTAS ON EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS INSTITUTED
IN JANUARY 1974 FOR FIRST QUARTER 1974 WERE RECENTLY
CONTINUED ON SAME BASIS FOR SECOND QUARTER OF YEAR.
UNDER THESE CONTROLS KOREA DOES NOT HAVE ENTITLEMENT
FOR DISTILLATE FUEL OILS (CATEGORY COVERING DIESEL OIL
NORMALLY USED BY FISHING BOATS). IN PRINCIPLE, THEREFORE,
IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR KOREANS TO
PURCHASE DIESEL FUEL IN US TO SERVICE KOREAN FISHING
FLEET. AN EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO
PERMIT EXPORTS IN SITUATIONS WHERE REFUSAL COULD RESULT
IN HARDSHIP FOR US EXPORTER. THIS CLEARLY NOT APPLICABLE
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IN THIS CASE.

2. FYI: HEAVY FISHING EFFORT ON US COASTAL AND ANADROMOUS SPECIES BY FOREIGN FLEETS DICTATES A FIRM US STAND AGAINST A FURTHER EXPANSION OF FOREIGN FISHING EFFORT DIRECTED AT US COASTAL OR ANADROMOUS SPECIES OR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CURRENT FOREIGN FISHING OPERATIONS, AS WOULD BE THE EFFECT OF SUPPLYING KOREAN FISHING FLEET WITH FUEL. GROWING US PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CONGRESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE CONCERN

FOR THE VIABILITY OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OFF US COASTS IS SUCH THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD OPPOSE ANY FUEL ALLOCATION FOR SUPPORT OF KOREAN FISHING FLEET AS PROPOSED REFTEL. END FYI.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON PARA 1 ABOVE IN REPLYING TO KOREAN INQUIRY. KISSINGER

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